

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

The following is a marked-up version of the claims with the language that is underlined (“___”) being added and the language that contains strikethrough (“—”) being deleted:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 30, wherein the contact information includes at least one of the following: an email address, a name, a residential address, a business address, a company name, a business phone number, a home phone number a mobile phone number, and a fax number.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 30, wherein the user database machine ~~has~~ includes a directory structure for associating a user with the computing device.
5. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 30, wherein the computing device comprises a storage device for storing ~~the an address book~~: book, wherein the address book includes at least one entry.
6. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 30, wherein the computing device is a pager.

7. (Canceled)
8. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 35, wherein the external network is the Internet.
9. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 30, wherein at least one of the following: contact information and messaging data may be modified on the communications system via the computing device.
10. (Canceled)
11. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ system of ~~claim 30~~, claim 5, wherein the address book may be modified via the Internet.
12. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ system of ~~claim 30~~, claim 5, wherein the address book may be modified via a wireless device.
13. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ system of claim 12, wherein modifying the address book includes at least one of the following: changing the entry, deleting the entry, and adding the entry.

14. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~system of claim 12, ~~further comprising:~~ wherein the system is configured to verify user ~~verifying a user's status~~ before allowing a user to modify the address book.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~system of claim 12, wherein the wireless device is a pager.

17. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~system of claim 30, wherein the contact information includes at least one of the following: an email address, a name, a residential address, a business address, a company name, a business phone number, a home phone number, a mobile phone number, and a fax number.

18. – 29. (Canceled)

30. (Currently Amended) A communications system, comprising:

at least one user database machine configured to receive and store contact information;

and

at least one message storage device configured to store messaging ~~data;~~ and data,

wherein the communications system is ~~further~~ configured to serve as a gateway between

~~the~~ a wireless network and ~~the~~ an external network, ~~and~~

wherein the communications system is configured to receive and store contact

information between the wireless network and the external network, and

wherein the communications system is configured to transmit data between the gateway

and at least one computing device coupled to at least one of ~~a~~ the wireless network and ~~an~~ the

external ~~network.~~ network, and

wherein the at least one user database machine and the at least one message storage

device are configured between at least one protocol handling device and at least one mail router

device.

31. (Currently Amended) The ~~communications~~ system of claim 30, further comprising at least one protocol handler coupled to the at least one user database machine, the at least one protocol handler configured to process data stored in the at least one database machine.

32. (Currently Amended) The ~~communications~~ system of claim 30, further comprising at least one router coupled to the at least one protocol handler, the at least one router configured to communicate with the at least one protocol handler.

33. (Currently Amended) The ~~communications~~ system of claim 30, further comprising at least one internal network configured to facilitate data communication with the communications system.

34. (Currently Amended) The ~~communications~~ system of claim 30, further comprising a wireless communication network coupled to the communications system, the communication network configured to transfer data between the communications system and at least one wireless device.

35. (Canceled)

36. (Currently Amended) The ~~communications~~ system of claim 30, wherein the computing device operates wirelessly.

37. (Currently Amended) The ~~communications~~ system of claim 30, wherein the ~~transmitting~~ computing device is configured to utilize a wireless protocol to communicate contact information with a wireless device.

38. (Currently Amended) The ~~communications~~ system of claim 30, further configured to determine at least one property of the at least one computing device, and adapt to communicate with the computing device.

39. (Currently Amended) The ~~communications~~ system of claim 30, further configured to update the computing device in response to at least one of a predetermined amount of time, a user request, and a modification of the contact information.

40. – 66. (Canceled)